SENLIS CATHEDRAL IS NOT DESTROYED

Preservation Said To Be Due to Germans' Poor Marksmanship.

OLD FRENCH VILLAGE **BOMBARDED 4 HOURS**

Brave Abbe Offers His Life That His Beloved Town Might Be Spared.

London, Nov. 4. The Cathedral of Senlis, one of the most beautiful of the minor examples of the succest-architecture of France, was not destroyed by the Germans, after all. It was not because they did not attempt it. On the contrary, they placed their guns in the hills at Chamant, three kilometres distant, and though Senlis was an open town bombarded it for four hours. They say that they purposely spared the cathedral, but it is impossible to deny the evidence that the town itself offers that every house destroyed by the German shells was in the direct line of fire from the guns to the cathedral. Some of the shells fell short and some passed beyond, and the only thing that can be said for the Germans by the Germans, after all. It was not and some passed beyond, and the only thing that can be said for the Germans is that none of their shells succeeded in striking the delicate, lace-like apire. That is, none of them succeeded in coing any material damage. Some of the beautiful decorations of the clock tower were broken or shattered, the arch supporting the clock was cracked, and of the supporting the clock was cracked.

veral pieces were knocked out of the balustrade at the base of the principal façade of the clock tower and one of he statues on this balustrade was mocked off and its fall broke a gar-cyle. But all of the damage was of surely minor nature, and the cathedral

The brave old abbe told his story goods. But all of the damage was of surely minor nature, and the cathedracan he restored with comparative case. Despite this, however, the story of Senilis loses none of its tragic interest, and when this story is told in the simple language of the inhabitants of the village the tragedy is heightened by the very simplicity of the telling.

It is the story of what war does to a little country village, the most peace to an office of the country willage. For that is who keelils was a peace for from Paris, yet with the modernity of Paris had neverabled to specify the peace of the country, the world had passed it by. It was not feel in a quiet valley, surrounded by low hills and a gracious, smilling country, the world had passed it by. It was not feel of the country, and the country had well regard it, for in the springtime its old walls and ramparts were covered with the young flowers and new beauty was added to its age.

A delightful picture of the little village is given by M. Robert de Lezeau, in "Le Figaro." "Yet," he says, "the world had so Senilis told her story, very discreetly, to take them from me." And so Senilis told her story, very discreetly, to take them from me." And so Senilis told her story, very discreetly, to take them from me." And so Senilis tide her story, very discreetly, to the work and their pleasures, for their work and the right of the story of the destruction of their village, and if they are allowed to tell their story as takey to it to tell their story as takey to tell their story as takey to did it to him much will be gained, and especially if the simple leginity of the brave of ancient things who loved her and the called and the story of the destruction of their village, and if they are allowed to tell their story as takey to the story of the destruction of their village, and if they are allowed to tell their story as they told it to him while the story of the destruction of their village, and if they are allowed to tell their story as they told it t

"Yes, said the major, and also by civillans. Moreover, Mr. Mayor, where see your notices? Where is your proclamation?"

NURSE, A CITIZEN, TO SEEK FATH!

"'I have not made any.'
"'So. You acknowledge it. You have

made no appeal to the citizens to remain calm.

"'No, monsieur.'

"'Very well. You shall be shot.'"

Again the abbe intervened.

"'My old friend,' he said, 'draw up at tace the notice that they demand. I

will carry it to the printer and we will have it in an hour.

"The Mayor agreed. 'And,' added the abbe, 'a few days later his body was found with a copy of the notice pinned to his coat."

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The next step of the German commander was to seize a number of the inhabitants of Senlis as hostages. They

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were chosen by chance—one because he was found in the sous-prefecture of police, another because he happened to be standing on his doorstep. M. Odent was, of course, the first. They were all taken to Chamant, where the German General Staff was quartered.

And here, on the report of the major that the Germans had been fired upon by civilians, the fate of Senlis was decided upon. The old abbé was the first to learn of it.

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"A colonel was billeted on me," he says, "and my servant gave him all that he asked for. He seemed satisfied, and at first he did not seem a very bad sort. When I returned to my house found him in the salon and he said

"'My father, I am sorry for you.'
"'Why?" I asked.
"'Hecause to-morrow you will have

"'How is that, monsieur?'

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"'To-morrow there will be nothing left of your village. It will be burned—destroyed. We intend to make of Senlis a new Louvain. It will be our French Louvain.'

"I protested, despairingly.

"But it is not possible, monsieur. It would be a monstrous injustice.'

"'All the villages where we are fired on will meet the same fate.'

"I supplicated him. I implored him." It does not depend on me, my father,' the colonel replied sadly.

"Then,' I said, 'do me one favor. Take me before your General Staff and let me plead the cause of my poor village and convince your general of its innocence.'

"'My father,' said the colonel 'have."

"My father," said the colonel, "have you reflected that you will be held as a hostage?"
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"'So be it, monsieur,' I said. 'Do not occupy yourself with me.' Perpetual Prayers Promised.

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"Seek his permission for me and I will remain all day to-morrow in my house so that you can find me without trouble. You will have my prayers always if you will do this for me.

"The next day I waited as I had agreed, but no one came for me, and I learned in the evening that the German General Staff had decided to be content with a partial destruction."

The brave old abbe told his story with all simplicity and modesty and had to be constantly urged to continue by a young priest who stood beside him.

"But, my father," M. de Lezeau said to him, "in offering yourself as a hos-

It was 12:45 o'clock on September 2, while Senlis was bravely preparing for the German occupation, that the first shell burst at the corner of a street near the cathedral, and the pitiless tombardment continued until 4 o'clock. The archdeacon, standing on the terrace before the cathedral, begins the story of the German occupation.

"It is by the road from Crepy-en-Valois that the Germans come," he says. "Immediately the major with several officers goes to the mairie, where he finds M. Odent, faithful to his perilous post, though overcome with sadness."

"M. Odent," interjects a villager, "M. Bardoux, the pharmacist." M. Bardoux was a little man of sixty years, with a gray mustache and bright

he linds M. Odent, faithful to his perllous post, though overcome with sadness."

"M. Odent," interjects a villager,
"waz a brave man, but with nothing of
arrogance. He would not hurt a fly on
his own account. He was too good. If
he had not been so good he would, perhaps, not have been killed by these
handts."

"M. Odent," the abbe resumes, "had
not brought together the municipal
council. He seemed to foresee his terrible fate and to prefer to meet it
alone. The evening before he had sent
his family away and remained himself
to risk his life.

"The ferman major addressed him
brutally.

"Are you the Mayor of Senlis"

"Yes, I am."

"Can you guarantee that the innabitants will not oppose the entrance
of our troops and will not attack them
hany awa? Your life depends upon
your good faith."

Village Guaranteed Peaceful.

"Monsieur," replied M. Odent, 'my
village is peaceful. There will be no
violence here, and you can be certain"

"But at that instant shots were heard
in the outskirts. It was a battalion of
Turcos, who were not willing to retire
without a parting word. But the German major became purple with rage.

"What is that?" he cried. 'It is an
ambuscade. There is firing from the
bouses. Very well. Your account is
finished."

But the abbe came to the rescue of
his old friend and explained that the
shots had been fired by regular troops.

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TO SEEK FATHER

Austrian Girl Naturalized to Help Her in Search for Long Lost Parent.

Mineola, L. I., Nov. 14 .- The first case of a woman asking to be naturalized in Nassau County occurred in the Su-preme Court here this afterneon before Justice David S. Manning. Miss Anna Van Cura, a trained nurse, obtained citizenship that she might seek her

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